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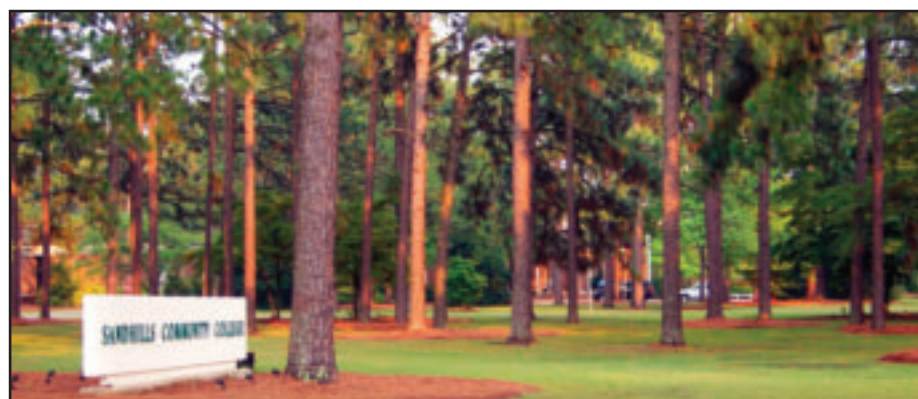
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CLASSES BEGIN
August 20



Get informed and then get registered. Review the information in this issue of Career Focus. Check out our programs and if you still have questions about a program or the opportunities that await once you graduate, call us!

We would love the opportunity to help you realize your dreams of a brighter future.



Sandhills Community College

FALL SEMESTER – 2007

Tuesday, July 17- Friday, July 20..... Fall Registration
Thursday, July 19 Orientation
Thursday, August 16 Fall Registration and Orientation
Monday, August 20 First Day of Classes
Monday, September 3-Tuesday, September 4 Labor Day Holiday
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Tuesday, December 18 Semester Ends

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Financial aid for college expenses includes:

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- student employment

The first step is to complete the FAFSA, available at **www.fafsa.ed.gov**.

For more information, call our Financial Aid Office at **910-695-3743**.

If you do not have access to a computer, come to either our Pinehurst or Raeford campus and we will help you or supply you with a paper application.



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Don McKenzie, owner of McKenzie Photography, photographed the students for the cover and our opening article of this inaugural issue of the Sandhills Community College Career Focus Magazine. Don is an alumnus of Sandhills and his daughter-in-law, Fiona, is an instructor in the Culinary Arts Department.

Feature

A dream realized

How generous donors make an education possible for Sandhills students

Educational opportunity and the chance for a better life is the purpose of the scholarship programs at Sandhills Community College.

While the Sandhills region is generally considered fairly affluent, most students attending Sandhills are not. In fact, over 60% of all students at Sandhills receive some form of financial aid. Privately-supported scholarships help nearly 300 students at Sandhills each year. Many Sandhills students come from working families where a couple's combined income would disqualify them from any federal aid for education. Without a scholarship, these students would "fall through the cracks," unable to pursue their educational goals and provide a better life for themselves and their families.

Scholarships—last year amounting to over \$250,000—make the difference between a dream realized and a dream forever lost.

The Council for Aid to Education (CAE) reports that Sandhills Community College ranked 14th in the United States for private support of community colleges in 2005. In the same survey, Sandhills ranked first in the nation of all public community colleges in total private financial support per student—raising \$948 per student.

No deserving student is turned away from Sandhills because he or she cannot afford a college education. The guarantee of educational opportunity is a reality for any student who will work hard and has the desire to succeed. That is a promise very few colleges can make. **CF**



Nearly 300 scholarships are awarded annually to deserving students at Sandhills Community College.

If I can do it



Student Stories



AUDREY CHAMBERS

The familiar saying goes: If you can find something you love to do and are fortunate enough to be able to do it as a job, you will never work a day in your life. Audrey Chambers is at this stage of her life.

Raised in Pinebluff, Audrey moved to Cary as a teenager. She always wanted to go back to school, but the demanding life as a single parent did not provide the time for her to pursue her dream.

With her children now grown, Audrey moved back to Moore County and is enrolled at Sandhills. She is working toward an Associate in Science in Science and an Associate in Applied Science in Cosmetology. After graduation, Audrey plans to transfer to North Carolina State University to pursue a bachelor's degree. "I may one day teach science or teach cosmetology or decide to seek employment in the science field, who knows," she said.

"For the time being, I am simply enjoying my studies at Sandhills."

"I have taken a lot of science classes throughout the years. The best instructor I have ever had was at Sandhills."

An Associate in Science is one of the three options in the University Studies program. It is recommended for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts.

As for her other interest, Audrey says, "Cosmetology is more of a hobby for me. It is such fun. I really enjoy cosmetology and love the classes in that department, too." When she graduates, Audrey will qualify to sit for the State Board of Cosmetic Arts examination.

As a recipient of the Richard S. Waterman Scholarship in honor of the American Red Cross, Audrey has the resources she needs for tuition, fees, books and supplies.



SHELBY BAKER

Sometimes a young student will connect with a subject in high school that will set the course of a professional career. Shelby Baker discovered her interest in civil engineering during her senior year at Lee County Senior High School. Shelby took several introductory classes in architecture and found she particularly liked the surveying portion of her classes.

Shelby combined her love of the outdoors with her interest in surveying and has chosen to pursue an Associate in Applied Science in Civil Engineering. Shelby decided to attend Sandhills because she knew the Civil Engineering Program has an excellent reputation throughout the region and the state.

Shelby's classes are taught in the Charles and Jane Wellard Technology Center, which is located in the newest building on the campus, Little Hall.

"One of my engineering teachers amazes me each day with his command of the material. He seems to know everything!"

Shelby Baker is a recipient of one of the ten Breakthrough Scholarships awarded to students enrolled in the Engineering Technology Program.

The article on page 10 of this publication goes into more detail about the Engineering Technology Program at Sandhills. Prospective Engineering Technology students are encouraged to contact Ed Spitler at 910-695-3797 or spitlere@sandhills.edu.

TROY MANTLE



In 1998 the friends and family of George B. Little established a scholarship for students in the Automotive Service Technology Program at Sandhills Community College. The 2007-08 recipient is Troy Lee Mantle.

Troy is currently working on his diploma in Automotive Systems Technology. The Little Scholarship has been fundamental to Troy's success at Sandhills.

Students in the Automotive Services Technology program are required to have their own tools and supplies. These

can often be very expensive. As well as covering tuition and fees, Troy's scholarship can also be used to help defray the costs of the tools of his trade. "The George B. Little Scholarship made it possible for me to attend Sandhills," said Troy. "I wouldn't be able to come to school without it. Having my own tools will also help me be even more ready to enter the work force when I graduate."

"Sometimes you just have to just take a chance and pursue your dreams."

Troy is originally from Medina, Ohio. When he was 14, his family made a trip to Moore County to visit relatives. It was on that trip that Troy decided he wanted to live in North Carolina. On the trip home, he told his parents he hoped to move to Moore County some day. Troy stuck with his dream. Upon graduation from high school, he began saving money and moved to North Carolina when he was 19.

"I never really liked schoolwork," said Troy, "so I went straight to work after high school." He enjoyed his jobs, but finally decided to pursue his other childhood dream—even though he was now in his thirties. "I've always loved to work on engines and automobiles so I set my sights on going back to school for technical training," said Troy, "and now I am doing it!"

LINDSAY MORRIS



North Carolina Community Colleges are working hard to meet the need for more registered nurses and practical nurses throughout the state. In 2006, community colleges graduated over 1700 new registered nurses and almost 800 new practical nurses for demanding jobs on the front lines of the healthcare system. Community college graduates—both registered nurses and practical nurses—are consistently well-prepared, scoring above the national average on their respective licensure exams. Ninety percent passed their exams on the first try.

Lindsay Morris hopes to join the ranks of those registered nurses. Lindsay is from Rockingham and is a graduate of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. She decided to enter the nursing profession after helping care for her grandmother, who suffers from the debilitating disease of multiple sclerosis. Lindsay says, "I have seen firsthand the important work of nurses and the other healthcare professionals as they helped my family. A nurse is a vital thread in the fabric of our lives. The job is important."

"As a nurse I hope to make a difference in the lives of others just as nurses have made a difference in my life and the life of my family."

One reason Lindsay chose Sandhills Community College is because the nursing program at Sandhills has a high National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) passage rate.

Lindsay has been awarded the Catherine Norman McKeithen Scholarship in Nursing for the 2007-08 academic year.

Call Sandhills Community College at 910-695-3725 for information on the Nursing and Health Sciences Programs or consult the web site at: www.sandhills.edu.

SHIKIRA JONES

Being stuck in a dead-end job can be the driving force behind the pursuit of a college education. Shikira Jones was all too familiar with the hopeless feeling of being poorly-prepared for a meaningful career. She decided to do something about it.

After graduating from high school, Shikira served in the Army Reserves. Upon completion of her service, she worked in a variety of jobs but found she could not move up or accomplish any level of career development. Shikira was frustrated and wanted a job with a future. She decided to challenge herself and enrolled at Sandhills.

A childhood interest paved the way for Shikira's new career path. For as long as she can remember, she has been

interested in computers. Her older brother had a computer when she was very young and he taught her how to operate it. Shikira bought her first computer in 1999 and soon knew she wanted to learn programming. She is now working toward an Associate in Science in Computer Programming at Sandhills Community College.

"I have really connected with the instructors at Sandhills. They work with me and really care about my success. They even care about me after graduation. They are already trying to help me find a job related to my field of study. I just can't believe how much they care," said Shikira.

Shakira is a member of Phi Theta Kappa at Sandhills, the International Honor Society of two-year colleges.



Shikira wasn't able to go to college earlier in life because, as she said, she "fell through the financial aid cracks." Both parents worked but were

unable to provide adequate money for an advanced education. At the same time, their income bracket did not qualify Shikira for financial aid.

"I am so grateful for the scholarship I received. I really appreciate the donors that make college possible for so many."

For 2007-08 Shikira was awarded the Richard S. Waterman Scholarship in Honor of the American Red Cross. "The scholarship has made it possible for me to attend school. I work part-time in the housekeeping department at Manor Care and attend Sandhills full-time. I couldn't come to college without this scholarship."

For further information about the Computer Program at Sandhills, please refer to www.sandhills.edu or email steelp@sandhills.edu.

ANTHONY MONROE



After serving in the United States Marine Corps for four years after high school, Anthony Monroe returned home to Raeford. He began working for Greener Side, a small landscaping company. Finding that he really enjoyed the work, Anthony decided to enroll in the Landscape Gardening Program at Sandhills Community College.

Now in his second year in the program, Anthony is working to earn an Associate in Applied Science in Landscape Gardening. "The program is awesome and my instructors are fantastic," commented Anthony. "I have been overwhelmed by the quality of the

instruction and how much I have learned."

"I like it that the classes in the Landscape Gardening Program emphasize a hands-on approach to learning."

The prospects for a good job following graduation are important. "Our Landscape Gardening graduates are recruited by many national companies upon graduation," said Dee Johnson, Coordinator of the Landscape Gardening Program.

A Sandhills Landscape Gardening graduate manages the White House grounds. The superintendent of the gardens at Monticello is a Sandhills graduate. Graduates work at Reynolda Gardens at Wake Forest University, the North Carolina Zoo, and at Pinehurst Resorts.

Other graduates find employment with garden centers, greenhouse operations, nurseries, and public or private gardens. They often work with established landscape companies or begin their own landscaping companies.

Anthony received The North Carolina Unit of the Herb Society of America Endowed Scholarship for 2007-08.

Contact Dee Johnson at 910-692-3883 or johnsond@sandhills.edu for information about the Landscape Gardening Program.

Generous donors make an education possible for Sandhills students.

KENT PARSONS

Kent Parsons decided to attend Sandhills Community College during his junior year at North Moore High School. He began college with plans to become a high school English teacher. After working in a local bank, Kent decided he would rather become a bank loan officer.

Enrolled in the University Studies Program at Sandhills, Kent is working toward an Associate in Arts in Business Administration. He plans to obtain advanced degrees in Business on the Sandhills Pinehurst campus through UNC-Pembroke.



“I will be able to pursue a BS and a Masters in Business Administration right here in Pinehurst.”

Students like Kent can pursue a university degree while saving thousands of dollars each semester on tuition, fees and living expenses. The University Studies Program at Sandhills has three options: an associate's degree, the General Education Core Diploma and an Associate of Applied Science.

Kent is very involved in community activities and has been rewarded for his volunteer work and leadership with the Marge Owings Keep Moore County Beautiful Scholarship for 2007-08.

For more information on the University Studies program at Sandhills Community College, contact Professor Linda Chandler at 910-695-3961 or chandlerl@sandhills.edu.

Contact Rebecca Roberts at rebecca.roberts@uncp.edu or 695-3919 for more information on the two undergraduate degrees and the five graduate degrees that can be earned through UNC-Pembroke on the Pinehurst campus.

DANIELLA VELAZQUEZ



The girl with the contagious smile—that's how Daniella Velazquez is known at Sandhills Community College. Enrolled in the University Studies Program, Daniella plans to complete her first two years at Sandhills and transfer to either St. Andrews Presbyterian College or Campbell University, where she will major in Elementary Education.

A life-long home schooled student, Daniella speaks both English and Spanish and has visited Ecuador, Panama, Peru, England, and France. The oldest child in her family, she and her three brothers were

raised in a Puerto Rican rain forest. Daniella enjoys playing Mario Kart, writing in her journal, reading, and being with her family.

“Sandhills is the launch pad for where I am going in life!”

Daniella did not begin at Sandhills as an Elementary Education transfer student. Her original plan was to study communications. That all changed when she met with Lynn Lupei, Work-Study Coordinator at Sandhills, to discuss financial aid. “Daniella was working in retail when she inquired about work-study,” said Lynn. “I could see the excitement build in her face as we discussed the opportunity to work in a community service position. I was able to find her a position at Cameron Elementary School.”

Daniella enjoyed her work at the school so much she changed her major to Elementary Education. Principal Priscilla Riley comments, “Daniella is so energetic and enthusiastic, she takes on any responsibility and always gives her best. She has become a part of our school family. Daniella is so excited about education and I know she is going to become a wonderful teacher.”

For 2007-08, Daniella has been awarded the American Association of University Women Scholarship.

Contact Dr. Mary Avery at averym@sapc.edu or 695-3888 for more information on the four undergraduate degrees St. Andrews offers in Pinehurst.

Education that fits your life

Day, evening, online, and hybrid classes make a college education more accessible than ever before

Chartered in 1963, Sandhills Community College is entering its forty-fourth year of providing high quality educational opportunities to the people of the Sandhills of North Carolina. Currently, about 3,800 students take curriculum courses and more than 8,500 students attend Continuing Education courses.

Whether you want to begin at Sandhills and transfer to a university, earn an associate's degree in two years or complete a certificate or diploma in a shorter span of time, we can help you prepare for a promising career or help you become more competent in your present employment.

University Studies

Sandhills Community College was the first comprehensive community college in North Carolina to offer a college transfer degree. You will be prepared for transfer to four-year colleges and universities through the University Studies Program.

Degree Programs

Sandhills Community College offers 36 Two-Year Associate in Applied Science Degrees (AAS). These programs provide the training you need to permit entry into increasingly complex and sophisticated employment in business, industry, health, and public service. Certain programs offer transferable relationships with four-year institutions.

Diploma & Certificate Programs

If you desire training in a specific field that requires a certificate or diploma, we have over 40 options from which to choose.

Continuing Education

Non-credit continuing education opportunities are offered for professional and personal interests. Computer courses, Ed2Go Online and Career Certificate Programs, Professional Development, Human Resources Development, Community Enrichment, Basic Skills and Compensatory Education are offered. Sandhills also strives to enhance the intellectual, physical and personal well being of active retirees in the area through the Center for Creative Retirement. The Small Business Center offers seminars for small business owners and employees to increase the success of small businesses. A current schedule of Continuing Education courses can be viewed at www.sandhills.edu. Several of our Professional Development Certificate courses are included in the Programs Listing that begins on page 13. **CF**



Associate in Arts
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General Education Core Diploma

Upon student acceptance to one of the 16 Universities in the UNC System, all 44 Semester Credit Hours earned as part of our Transfer Core Diploma will transfer. Many private institutions also accept these credit hours

Linda Chandler, University Studies Program Coordinator
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**Begin
here and
transfer
anywhere!**



Three New Programs at Sandhills

Sleeping, exercising, and gaming—what more could you want out of life?

Sandhills Community College will be adding three new programs that will begin Fall Semester 2007. Polysomnography, Physical Fitness Technology and Computer Simulation & Game Development.

Polysomnography



Polysomnography is the comprehensive recording of changes that occur during sleep. This is usually performed at night during the patient's sleep. This diagnostic test monitors many body functions including brain activity, eye movements, muscle activity or skeletal muscle activation, heart rhythm, and breathing function or respiratory effort during sleep.

Polysomnography technologists are distinct members of the allied health care community.

The demand for Polysomnography personnel drastically exceeds the current supply. Employment can be found in hospitals nationwide, in independently owned sleep clinics, as a traveling sleep technician, home sleep scoring, or working for research facilities. Oftentimes, students studying Polysomnography already have an allied health credential and are looking to expand on their existing health care career. Some

have decided to start an entirely new career.

Clinics such as First Health will be the first to welcome the new Polysomnography students into training.

Graduates of the program will be prepared to take The Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists Registered Polysomnographic Technologist exam.

Physical Fitness Technology



Another exciting new program beginning this fall is the Physical Fitness Technology Program. Graduates of this program will help meet the growing need for qualified professionals in the health, fitness, and exercise fields.

"No other community college in the state of North Carolina offers this program," says Dr. Rick Swanson, Dean of Instruction at Sandhills Community College.

"Our vision is to educate and train people in our community in order that they can obtain viable and meaningful careers in these rapidly growing fields. We are already actively involved in this effort and the Physical Fitness Technology Program will enlarge career opportunities for our students," says Swanson.

Successful graduates of the Physical Fitness Technology Program will be qualified to work as personal trainers, group exercise instructors,

exercise specialists, strength and conditioning specialists for athletic teams, and coordinators for health clubs, resorts, hotels, government and recreational agencies.

Graduates will qualify for employment opportunities in hospitals or clinics, commercial fitness clubs, YMCA's/YWCA's, wellness programs in business and industry, city parks and recreation departments and other organizations that implement exercise and fitness programs.

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Students will be trained in exercise science and will be able to administer fitness tests and health risk appraisals, teach specific exercise and fitness classes and provide instruction in the proper use of exercise equipment and facilities.

The Physical Fitness Technology Program will not only prepare students for immediate employment in the area but it will pave the road for students to move to the Baccalaureate level.

"We created the curriculum in order that students will be

able to transfer into a four-year health and science program at the university level," Dr. Swanson notes. "The idea is to hold the program to the highest standards, so our students will be credentialed at the highest level of this degree."

Computer Simulation and Game Development



"We anticipate approval any day now from the NC State Board of Community Colleges on a third new program," reports Swanson. "It is in the rapidly expanding area of technology; computer simulation and computer game development."

A diploma in Simulation and Game Development will be available for students who aspire to work in computer simulation and game development, design, architecture, audio and visual techniques, and story telling.

Sandhills will prepare students to be able to become employed in this field by providing instruction in gaming and simulation systems including the necessary software applications. Graduates can seek employment with the military, engineering, medical and gaming companies. **CF**

There are more than just books in this library

Walk into the Katharine L. Boyd Library on the campus of Sandhills Community College and you may see employees wearing grass skirts, hear ukulele music in the background and you will need to navigate among the huge pink flamingoes and lighted palm trees. Each year, right before the beginning of fall classes, Dr. John Stacey, Director of Learning Resources, hosts a theme party to recharge the staff and faculty of Sandhills.

Recharging may not be such a bad idea when it was learned that in 2005 and 2006, the library had the second largest total circulation of all 57 NC Community College libraries with 84,000 items in the library collection. The interlibrary loaned more items than it borrowed from other Community College libraries. This makes the library a net lender to the consortium of Community College Libraries.

"We are very fortunate to have John as the Director of our library," says Dr. John Dempsey, President of Sandhills Community College. "He has brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to our campus, not to mention humor."

Dr. John Stacy is a graduate of Southern Connecticut State University where he earned his B.A. and Masters in Education. He earned his Doctorate in Education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he spent 27 years as the Director of Academic Instructional Media Services.

Dr. Stacey had an embarrassing incident happen shortly after coming to Sandhills. "A group of students came to visit Sandhills from a nearby county," said Stacey. "They were introduced to me as being from Scotland. I enthusiastically greeted the group by welcoming them and asking them how they were enjoying our country. I was met with quizzical stares

and responses that immediately made me realize they were not from "across the pond." After turning various shades of red, I excused myself to attend to a meeting."

Last year, the library welcomed over 117,000 patrons while 34,000 of that number used the Learning Resource Center. This center provides instructional support to all campus students and faculty. Over 250 students a day use the 65 computers for instructional support with tasks such as Blackboard and Distance Learning classes.

"This is an exciting time to be in the Learning Resources field because there are major challenges revolving around the effect of technology on libraries," remarks Stacey.

"Technology is going to continue to provide ever increasing access to information. This challenge is exciting because I believe this will increase the role of libraries as centers for developing the skills we all need for locating and validating information. With more "High Tech" we'll need more "High Touch".

"As libraries evolve into what I like to call a Learning Commons, books, spaces for face to face collaboration and online resources will be used in concert to foster exploration and learning. Toward that goal, we continuously try to ask the right questions and offer activities to improve Learning Resources services and engage learners," Stacey adds.

In addition to the primary mission as an academic library, the Katharine L. Boyd Library has the secondary mission of serving community patrons. Moore and Hoke County residents 18 years and over can obtain a free community patron card and avail themselves of the library resources.

"After meeting our academic needs, and as our budget allows, we have placed a renewed priority on purchasing best sellers," reports Stacey. "With approximately 84,000 items and 90 plus on-line databases, we have a great deal to offer not only our students, faculty and staff, but also our community patrons."

Married to his high school sweetheart Sharon, for 35 years, they have two grown daughters Stephanie and Allison. The Stacey's have a sailboat and enjoy using it as often as they can.



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**Dr. John Stacey,
Director of Learning Resources at
Sandhills Community College**

The Katharine L. Boyd Library, on the campus of Sandhills Community College, is open during the academic calendar from 7:45 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The college is located at 3395 Airport Road in Pinehurst. **CF**

From College Credit Courses to Early College Programs for High School Students

Sandhills Hoke Center

Did you know Sandhills Community College has three campuses? Sandhills is typically associated with the main campus in Pinehurst, but there is also the Westmoore Center in Robbins and the Hoke Center in Raeford.

Sandhills Community College began teaching in Hoke County in 1968. Doc Furches and Betty High Rounds taught Basic Skills in the Old County Office Building in downtown Raeford. As the programs grew, a wider variety of classes were offered and facilities throughout Hoke County were utilized. Locals remember taking Needlecrafts from Betty Barnhart, Oil Painting from Ollie Augustoni, and Furniture Refinishing from Angus Suggs. Classrooms in many local schools were utilized, as was the Open Arms Rest Home.

The Sandhills Hoke Center has found its permanent home at 1110 E. Central Avenue in Raeford. Upchurch Hall was completed in 2001 and is named in honor of Wyatt and Mary Upchurch, respected community leaders in Hoke County.

The second building on the campus has been completed and will be named Johnson Hall in honor of Marvin Johnson, Chairman of House of Raeford Farms. A third building is in the planning stages and a picnic shelter is being constructed.



College Credit Courses

Medical Terminology, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice Technology, Early Childhood Education and Nursing Assistant Certificates can be earned at the Sandhills Hoke Center. English, Math, Business, Psychology and Sociology classes are also taught in Raeford. Developmental classes that are pre-requisites for some college credit courses can be taken here.

Community Colleges are assigned service areas by the North Carolina Community College System. Moore and Hoke Counties are the Sandhills Community College service area.

Continuing Education Courses

The Hoke Center offers non-credit courses in Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Education Development (GED), Adult High School (AHS), NC Competency Test Review, English as a Second Language (ESL), Phlebotomy, Notary, EKG, Effective Teacher Training and Real Estate.

College Bound

Juniors and seniors at Hoke High School can take two tuition-free



Johnson Hall

Johnson Hall, the newest building on the Sandhills Hoke Center campus in Raeford, is named in honor of Marvin Johnson, Chairman of House of Raeford Farms.

Johnson is one of the most remarkable entrepreneurs and men of our time. Under his leadership, The House of Raeford's annual sales are approaching \$1 billion dollars and he employs over 6,300 employees. House of Raeford Farms, Inc. is the fifth largest privately owned company in North Carolina, the eighth largest turkey producer and the tenth largest chicken producer in the nation.

Joining the ranks of Colonel Harland Sander (KFC) and S. Truett Cathy (Chic-fil-A), Johnson was the 2007 recipient of The National Poultry & Food Distributors Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

college courses per semester at Sandhills Community College through a dual enrollment program. The courses are taught at Hoke High School by Sandhills professors during the afternoon or students can take classes on the Pinehurst campus, still free of charge. There are no income restrictions.

SandHoke Early College High School

Early College is a five-year tuition-free program where Hoke County students can earn a two-year Associate in Applied Science plus a high school diploma. Beginning in ninth grade, first-generation college students are introduced to the college setting and prepared for education beyond high school at a college or university. Exposed to the rigors and requirements of college, they take both high school honors level classes and college courses. Sandhills Community College professors teach all college courses.

Brenda Coronato, Mathematics Instructor at SandHoke Early College High School was awarded "Teacher of the Year" by Hoke County Schools for the 2006/07 year.

"Relationships are the most fundamental part to achieving success in the classroom," said Coronato. "If you trust and believe in your students, they will succeed."

Community Colleges are assigned service areas by the North Carolina Community College System. Moore and Hoke Counties are the Sandhills Community College service area.

For more information on the Hoke Center or to register for classes, call 910-875-8589. Ask for Nicolette Campos if you would like more information on the College Bound or SandHoke Early College High School programs. **CF**

Sandhills Program

America Needs Engineers

As the engineers of the baby boom generation, inspired by the space race, begin to retire in great numbers over the next 10 years, America is going to experience a significant change in productivity. Because our production of engineering talent is falling behind the rapidly developing economies of India and China, American companies will be forced to go out of the country to find the engineering talent needed.

The Engineering Technology Program at Sandhills Community College strives to prepare students for a career that is in high demand. When students complete the program, they are ready to enter the work force or transfer to a 4-year

university with a two-year Associate in Applied Science degree.

"These students are entering a field that has a high employment rate," said Ed Spitler, Coordinator of the Engineering and Surveying Technologies Program. "Our students have several job opportunities to consider before graduation day. We average five employment choices per graduate, and the annual starting salaries have ranged from \$25,000 to \$50,000."

Spitler also says that he receives calls from companies throughout the United States seeking Sandhills graduates. Recent calls have come from companies in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Colorado, Texas, and Louisiana.

The Engineering Program at Sandhills Community College offers three areas of specialty: Civil Engineering Technology, Architectural Technology, and Surveying Technology.

Civil Engineering Technology

Graduates enter technician-level jobs with both public and private engineering, construction, and surveying agencies. Several Sandhills Community College Civil Engineering graduates were in charge of supervising the construction of the nearby US 1 bypass project, making sure the tight schedule was followed in order for the bypass to be open for the 2005 US Open.

Architectural Technology

Employment with architectural and engineering firms, building contractors, interior design firms, building suppliers, governmental agencies, private

utilities and surveying firms are likely. The general manager for remodeling the White House, the Old Executive Office Building, the Secret Service Headquarters, and the World Bank was a graduate of Sandhills Community College.

Surveying Technology

Graduates find employment with companies such as The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and other state agencies, surveying firms, mapping firms and as county tax mappers. A Sandhills Community College graduate is now the Director of the North Carolina Geodetic Survey.

College Transfer

The two-year Engineering Technology program provides an excellent foundation for four-year baccalaureate engineering technology curricula. Students

completing the programs of study leading to the Associate in Applied Science degree may be admitted as juniors in the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology (BSET) program at UNC-Charlotte, the Bachelor of Science in Construction Management (BSCM) program at UNC-Charlotte or the Bachelor of Science in Geomatics program at NC A&T.

The Engineering Technology Department is housed in the Charles and Jane Wellard Technology Center in Little Hall. This state-of-the-art facility is the newest building on the Sandhills campus, which opened in February of 2006.

Prospective Engineering Technology students are encouraged to contact Ed Spitler at 695-3797 or spitlere@sandhills.edu. **CF**



"I believe the economic prosperity of our nation hinges on our ability to attract more of our young people to engineering. We need to show the exciting and creative careers engineering offers. We need to interest potential and current students in these studies and act as if our economic lives are at stake - because they are."

**Dr. John Dempsey,
President of Sandhills
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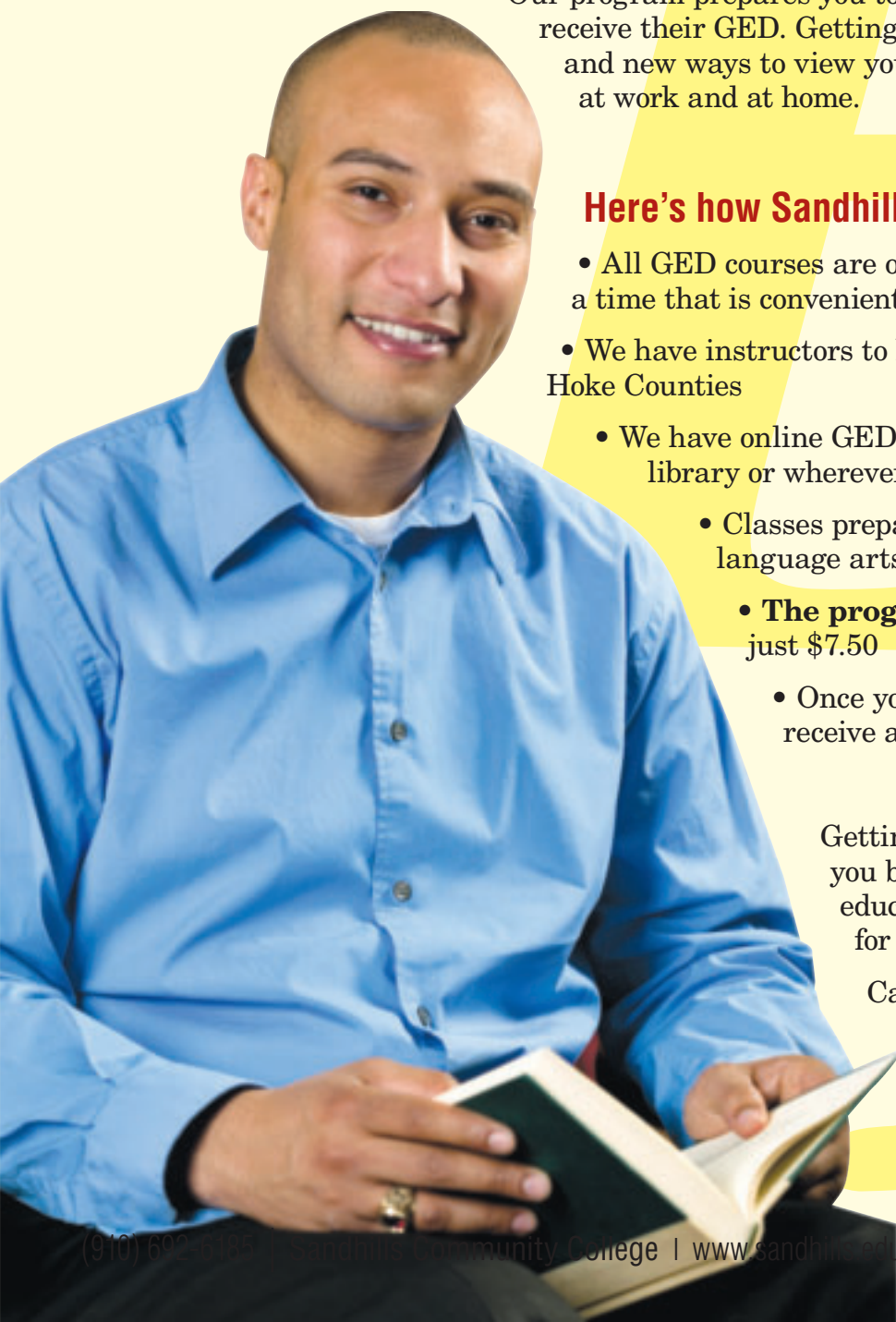
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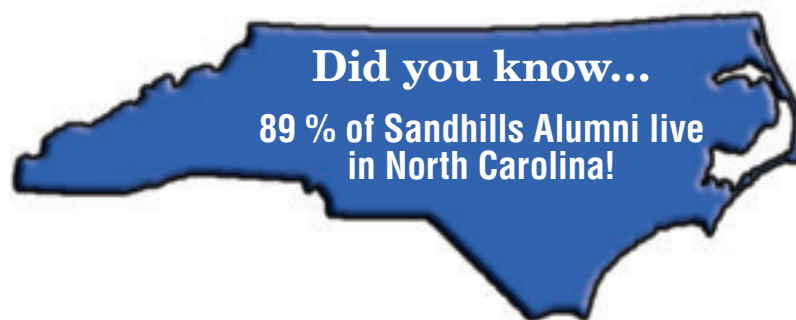
By Leah Burger

Ever wonder what's new at Sandhills Community College, what your classmates are doing, or if you could make a difference at the college that provided an educational opportunity for you?

Reconnect with Sandhills through the new Alumni Association. The mission of the association is to enrich the personal and professional lives of its members and support and promote the quality education Sandhills provides to the community. The Alumni Association will work to keep you connected to our 9,000 (and growing) alumni through our online community and alumni events.

Please visit the Sandhills Community College Alumni Web site where you can:

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2007 Distinguished Alumnus

Oscar Graham (Pete) Gulley III

Oscar Graham (Pete) Gulley III is the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus for Sandhills Community College. He received an Associate in Landscape Gardening in 1973.

Pete is the owner of Gulley's Garden Center in Southern Pines, NC. As part of his ongoing connection with Sandhills, he provides internships and part-time work to many Sandhills Community College Landscape Gardening students.

Before attending Sandhills Community College, Pete served with the Army Special Forces in Vietnam in 1964 and 1965. As a tribute to the sacrifice of those who have served in the military, Pete has created a military museum on the grounds of Gulley's Garden Center. The museum contains artifacts and memorabilia from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.



University Studies

<i>Associate in Arts</i>	Recommended if you plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a program of study leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Included in the North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) to provide certain guarantees providing for a smooth transfer of course credits from community colleges to UNC universities as well as other institutions that have agreed to honor the agreement.
<i>Associate in Fine Arts in Art</i>	Designed to prepare you to transfer to a senior institution with a solid foundation in color, design, drawing and fundamentals of studio techniques. You will graduate with a portfolio of work that is strong enough to allow you to continue your work as a junior and begin an area of concentration at your senior transfer institution.
<i>Associate in Fine Arts in Music & Music Education</i>	Designed to prepare you for transfer to a senior institution with a solid foundation in music theory, music history, and applied music performance skills. You will be able to audition on your primary instrument or voice and complete theory and history placement exams that will allow you to continue work as a junior and to begin an area of concentration at your transfer institution.
<i>Associate in Science</i>	Recommended if you plan to transfer to four-year college or university to pursue a program of study leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. Is included in the North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) providing certain guarantees to provide a smooth transfer of course credits from community colleges to UNC universities and colleges as well as other institutions that have agreed to honor the agreement.
<i>General Education Core Diploma</i>	Designed for students undecided about a major but plan to transfer to a four-year college or university. All courses completed toward this diploma are guaranteed to be accepted as a block when you are admitted to a university in the University of North Carolina System. Many private colleges and universities also accept the credit hours.
<i>Associate in General Education</i>	Designed for academic enrichment to broaden your education, with emphasis on personal interest, growth and development.

Sandhills Community College Programs List

Area of Study	Program and degree	Prepares you for	Places of employment
Automotive Automotive Systems Technology	Automotive Systems Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science Diploma</i>	Automotive service technician, service manager, parts manager, and service writer	Automotive dealerships, independent repair facilities, municipal garages, state DOT garages, machine shops or performance motorsports facilities
	Engine Performance & Electrical <i>Certificate</i>		
	Engine Mechanical & Driveline <i>Certificate</i>		
Autobody Repair	Autobody Repair <i>Diploma</i>	Entry-level employment in the automotive body and refinishing industry	Dealerships, franchised independent garages, or vehicle-customizing shops
	Paint & Refinishing <i>Certificate</i>		
	Non-Structural Repair <i>Certificate</i>		
	Structural Repair <i>Certificate</i>		
Management & Business 	Accounting <i>Associate in Applied Science Diploma</i>	General accountant, accounts receivable, accounts payable or payroll accounting clerk, financial data analyst or tax preparation consultant	Accounting firms, banks, retail businesses, manufacturing firms, hospitals, schools, churches, non-profit and government agencies
	Bookkeeping <i>Certificate</i>	Inventory, accounts receivable, accounts payable and payroll clerk	Banks, retail businesses, small businesses, schools, hospitals, churches, and non-profits
	Business Administration <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Entry- and mid-level positions as finance officer, human resource manager, marketing representative, government services administrator, small business manager, business service specialist, office/sales manager, and investment representative	Government agencies, financial institutions, large to small businesses or industries, and entrepreneurial ventures
	Business Administration/ E-Commerce <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Positions in the internet economy using electronic business strategies	Government agencies, financial institutions, and small-to-medium sized businesses or industries, and entrepreneurial ventures
	Entrepreneurship <i>Certificate</i>	Beginning your own business venture or improving your or another's business	Entrepreneurial and intrapreneurial ventures, government agencies, financial institutions, and large to small businesses or industries
	Health Information Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Health data analyst, records technician, clinical coding specialist, physician practice manager, and patient information coordinator	Hospitals, mental health facilities, nursing homes, health insurance organizations, rehab facilities, medical offices, and consulting firms
	Medical Office Administration <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Transcriptionist, medical secretary, patient accounting clerk, and patient service representative	Medical and allied health facilities



Area of Study	Program and degree	Prepares you for	Places of employment
Management & Business-cont'd	Medical Office Coding <i>Certificate</i> <i>Continuing Education Certificate</i>	Confidential assistant in medical management	Hospitals, medical centers, clinics, outpatient facilities, physicians' offices, and nursing facilities
	Office Systems Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Administrative assistant, executive assistant, marketing assistant, payroll assistant, human resources assistant, office manager and project manager	Schools, legal offices, business, government, and industry
Computers Computer Engineering Technology	Computer Engineering Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> <i>2+2 Transfer Articulation Agreement:</i> <i>UNC-Charlotte (B.S. in Electronic Engineering Technology)</i> <i>Certificate</i>	Electronics technology, computer science, computer networks server maintenance, and programming	Educational institutions, industries, medical facilities, governmental agencies, and with businesses
Computer Information Technology	Computer Information Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Computer-related, entry-level positions that provide opportunities for advancement with increasing experience and ongoing training	Businesses, educational systems, and governmental agencies that rely on computer systems to manage information
	Digital Media <i>Certificate</i>	Information specialist, graphic artist, or designer	Business, industry and government organizations
	Desktop Publishing <i>Certificate</i>	Desktop publisher or a graphic designer	Graphic design studios, advertising agencies, printing companies, newspapers or as a freelance artist
Computer Programming	Computer Programming <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Computer programmer, analyst, software developer, computer operator, systems technician, information systems manager or database, computer, or software specialist	Business, industry and government organizations
Networking Technology 	Networking Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Local area network manager, network operator, network analyst, or a network technician	Entry-level jobs in business, educational settings and industry
	Cisco Networking <i>Certificate</i>	Maintaining and supporting network systems 	Educational institutions, industrial facilities, medical facilities, governmental agencies, or businesses that utilize Cisco hardware or services
	Linux Networking <i>Certificate</i>	The Red Hat Academy leads toward the Red Hat Certified Technician (RHCT) 	Educational institutions, industries, medical facilities, governmental agencies, and businesses that use the Red Hat Enterprise Linux operating system
	Microsoft Networking/MCSA <i>Certificate</i>	Network administrator or technical support specialist, systems manager, or a technical consultant that support and integrate computing systems	Educational institutions, industries, medical facilities, governmental agencies, and businesses
	Simulation and Game Development <i>Diploma-Pending Approval</i>	Simulation and game development, design, architecture, audio and visual techniques and story telling	Military, engineering, medical and gaming companies
Web Technologies 	Web Technologies <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Designer or developer of web applications, websites, and web services	Educational institutions, industries, medical facilities, governmental agencies, and businesses
	Web Design <i>Certificate</i>	Web designer positions	Educational institutions, industries, medical facilities, governmental agencies, and businesses
	Web Content Management I <i>Certificate</i>	Create websites using Open Source Content Management Systems	Educational institutions, industries, medical facilities, governmental agencies, and businesses
	Web Content Management II <i>Certificate</i>	Create database-driven web sites using Javascript, SQL, PHP, and XML	Educational institutions, industries, medical facilities, governmental agencies, and businesses
Cosmetology 	Cosmetology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> <i>Diploma</i> <i>Certificate</i>	Cosmetologist	Beauty salon or begin your own businesses
	Cosmetology Instructor <i>Certificate</i>	Instructor of cosmetology as required by the North Carolina State Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners	Public or private education and business

Area of Study	Program and degree	Prepares you for	Places of employment
Cosmetology-cont'd	Esthetics Technology <i>Certificate</i>	Esthetician	Salon, spa, medical, and retail industries
	Esthetics Instructor <i>Certificate</i>	Instructor of esthetics as required by the North Carolina State Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners	Public or private education and business
	Nail Technician <i>Continuing Education Certificate</i>	Nail technician/manicurist	Beauty salons, nail salons and spas
Education Early Childhood Education options can be found in the Social Sciences Program area.	Lateral Entry Teaching <i>Certificate</i>	Fulfill the requirements of your Licensure Plan if you have been hired by the public schools as a Lateral Entry Teacher	Critical need areas in Moore County are in Science, Math, and Exceptional Education. In surrounding counties, lateral entry teachers may be needed in all areas.
	Teacher Assistant <i>Continuing Education Certificate</i>	Assisting the lead teacher in a classroom	Public and private schools
Engineering Technology 	Architectural Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> <i>2+2 Transfer Articulation Agreement: UNC-Charlotte (B.S. in Construction Management)</i>	Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) technician, architectural design technician, construction estimator, construction project manager, and construction materials sales representative	Architectural, engineering, and construction professions both public and private
	Civil Engineering Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> <i>2+2 Transfer Articulation Agreement: UNC-Charlotte (B.S. in Civil Engineering Technology or B.S. in Construction Management)</i>	Transportation technician (usually with NCDOT), civil design technician, environmental technician, materials testing technician, Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) technician, construction estimator, and construction project manager	Engineering, surveying, and construction professions, both public and private
	Surveying Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i> <i>Transfer Articulation Agreement: NC A&T University (BS in Geomatics)</i>	Survey technicians, survey crew chiefs, GIS/GPS technicians, Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) technicians, and transportation technicians (usually with NCDOT)	Engineering, surveying, and construction professions both public and private
Golf Course Management	Golf Course Management/Concentration of Turfgrass Management Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Assistant golf course superintendent, golf course superintendent and golf course construction foreman	Private, semi-private, public, resort and country club golf courses and golf course construction contractors
Health & Fitness Science  	Physical Fitness Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Management, operation and supervision of fitness centers, teaching fitness classes	Commercial fitness clubs, YMCA's/YWCA's, wellness programs in business and industry, hospitals, and parks and recreation departments and other organizations implementing exercise and fitness programs
Health Sciences  	EKG Technician <i>Continuing Education Certificate</i>	EKG Technician (perform diagnostic tests to access the heart rhythm and rate)	Cardiac units of hospitals and medical centers
	Emergency Medical Science <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Paramedic and related emergency medical positions	Ambulance services, fire and rescue agencies, air medical services, specialty areas of hospital, industry, educational institutions, and government agencies
	Medical Laboratory Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Laboratory Technician	Hospitals, medical offices, industry, and research facilities
	Phlebotomy Technician <i>Continuing Education Certificate</i>	Phlebotomy Technician (collection of blood samples)	Medical facilities including hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices, and emergency medical centers
	Radiography <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Radiologic Technologist (use radiation to produce images of the human body)	Hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices, medical laboratories, government agencies, and industry
	Respiratory Therapy <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Respiratory therapists, respiratory care practitioners	Hospitals, patient's homes, rehabilitation agencies, nursing homes, outpatient clinics, and physicians' offices
	Polysomnography <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Polysomnographic Technologist (perform and interpret sleep studies)	Hospitals and freestanding sleep centers

Area of Study	Program and degree	Prepares you for	Places of employment
Health Sciences-cont'd 	Surgical Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science Diploma</i>	Surgical Technologist	Labor and delivery departments, emergency departments, inpatient/outpatient surgery centers, dialysis units or facilities, physicians' offices, and central supply processing units
	Baking and Pastry Arts <i>Associate in Applied Science Certificate</i>	Entry-level positions as pastry/bakery assistants, pastry chefs and assistant pastry chefs	Restaurants, hotels, independent bakeries/pastry shops, wholesale/retail markets and high-volume bakeries
	Culinary Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science Certificate</i>	Entry-level position as line cook or station chef with advancement to sous-chef, executive chef or food service manager	Full-service restaurants, hotels, resorts, clubs, catering operations, contract food service and health care facilities
	Hotel and Restaurant Management <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Entry-level management or supervisory positions in the food and lodging industry	Hotels, motels, resorts, inns, restaurants, institutions, and clubs, support areas of food and equipment sales
Hospitality & Culinary Arts 	Resort & Spa Management <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Entry or mid-level management positions as member/guest services director, spa assistant director, spa manager, spa attendant supervisor, spa sales manager, and assistant clubhouses manager	Day spas, beach resorts, mountain resorts, golf resorts, extended stay spas and cruise lines
	Landscape Gardening <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Applied horticulture as it relates to design, development, and/or maintenance for residential and commercial operations	Garden centers, greenhouse operations, nurseries, and public or private gardens, landscape companies or entrepreneurial ventures
	Nursing <i>Associate Degree in Nursing</i>	Registered Nurse- eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) that is required for practice as a Registered Nurse	Hospitals, long term care facilities, clinics, physicians' offices, industry, and community agencies
	Nursing Assistant <i>Certificate</i>	Nursing Assistant- eligible to be listed on the NC Registry as a Nursing Assistant	Home health agencies, hospitals, hospices, clinics, nursing homes, extended care facilities, and doctors' offices
Nursing 	Practical Nursing <i>Diploma</i>	Licensed Practical Nurse- eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN)	Hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, long term care facilities, home health facilities, clinics, and physicians' offices
	Therapeutic Massage <i>Associate in Applied Science Diploma</i>	Massage Therapist- eligible to take the National Certification Exam for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork	Hospitals, rehabilitation centers, health departments, home health, medical offices, nursing homes, spas, health and sports clubs, and private practice
	Medication Aide <i>Continuing Education Certificate</i>	Medication Aide- program completion allows you to sit for the NC Medication Aide written exam	Skilled nursing facilities
	Basic Law Enforcement Training <i>Certificate</i>	Entry-level law enforcement officer	State, county, or municipal governments, and private enterprises
Social Sciences 	Criminal Justice Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Police officer, deputy sheriff, detention officer, state trooper, surveillance probation/parole officer, correctional officer or loss prevention specialist	Local, state, and federal law enforcement, corrections, and security fields
	Early Childhood Associate <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Teacher Assistant, Early Childhood Teacher	Elementary schools, private childcare homes or centers, childcare programs, before-and-after school programs and summer camps
	Early Childhood Administration <i>Certificate</i>	Childcare Center Director	Private childcare center
	Early Childhood Education-Infant/Toddler Care <i>Certificate</i>	Infant and toddler childcare assistant	Childcare center
Trades 	Early Childhood Education-School Age Care <i>Certificate</i>	Care for children age five through eight	Before and after school care programs
	Human Services Technology <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Technical assistance in rehabilitation, residential care, youth counseling, social services and group home management	Behavioral health and social services agencies, Juvenile Justice programs
	Human Services Technology/Substance Abuse <i>Associate in Applied Science</i>	Substance abuse worker, behavior specialist, or counselor technician	Behavioral health, residential rehabilitation programs
	Building Trades <i>Continuing Education Certificates</i>	Plumbing, electrical wiring, blueprint reading, and planning and estimating for construction	Residential or commercial construction, plumbing, or electrical companies

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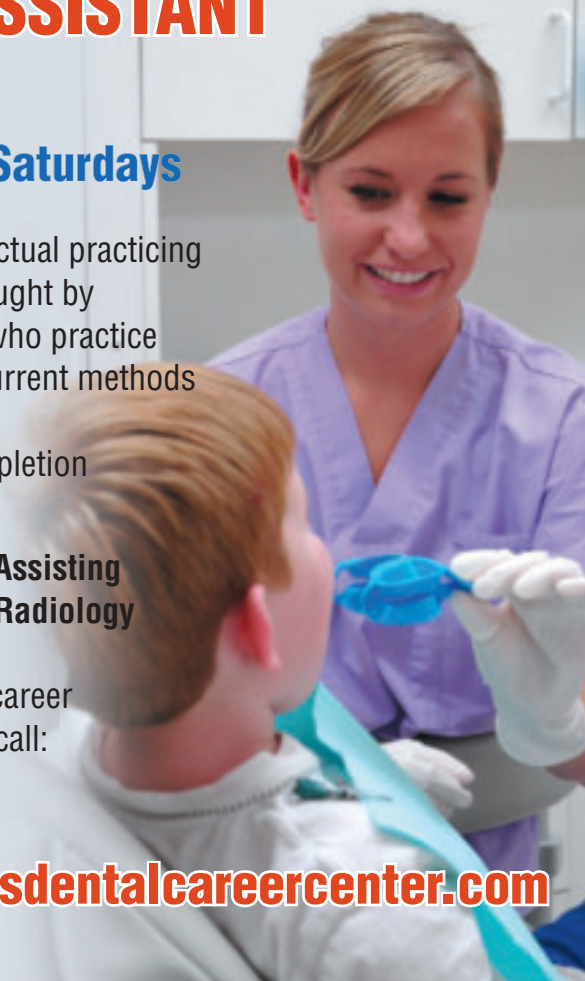
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"Attending Sandhills has been one of the greatest experiences in my life."

"I was very impressed with how many professors at Sandhills hold a Ph.D. When I attended UNC-CH, most of my instructors were Teacher's Assistants. I had closer contact with my Sandhills professors than those at Chapel Hill. I definitely thought the education was very comparable to an education from any 4-year college."

"I really liked the staff and faculty at Sandhills. They made me feel welcome and I was able to come to them with any problem. They were very understanding."

"Sandhills is a great place to begin your dreams and achieve your goals. If you have trouble paying for school, the college will show you what to do to get help. They are very knowledgeable and friendly."

"I am very proud to say that I graduated with an Associate Degree in Nursing from Sandhills Community College. I received my education to become an LPN from another school and I can attest that Sandhills is, hands down, a better school. The ADN program has a reputation for being tough, but I would want it no other way. If I had to make the choice all over again, there is no doubt I would choose Sandhills."

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